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FEDERAL AID IS NOT POSSIBLE TO AERO COMPANIES

Much as Government Needs Flyers, Assistance Cannot Now Be Given; Cost \$14,000

All over the country great interest is being taken in aviation and many colleges, universities, institutions and clubs are contemplating forming aero plane companies for the purpose of training.

Many in forming expect to receive help from the federal government in the way of equipment and instructors but according to a circular just issued by the war department such aid will be impossible under the existing laws. It also points out that the initial cost of equipment for instruction is over \$14,000 and does not include a repair shop and spare parts which are very essential.

The circular follows:

1. Matters pertaining to equipment, instructors, types of machines, aviation fields, periods of training and number of students are for the decision of authorities at the respective institutions. The federal government, by reason of existing laws, cannot share the expenses connected therewith.

2. Due to present depleted strength, it is not possible to lend the services of officers or enlisted men of the aviation section, Signal Corps, regular army, for duty at these institutions. The aviation section, Signal Corps, is willing and ready to act in an advisory capacity, if requested by institutions.

3. As to system of training of students at such institutions and their subsequent incorporation in the Signal Officers' Reserve Corps, the following advice is given:

(a) Students who intend to try for a commission in the Signal Officers' Reserve Corps should submit themselves to physical examination and qualify according to requirements for entry into reserve before they begin flying. Facilities for conducting these physical examinations by the federal government are available at all regular army stations.

(b) Students having received instruction at these institutions not under government supervision may, on presentation of affidavit to effect that they have had a minimum of 20 hours of flying, 8 of which have been alone, take the reserve military aviators' test, under supervision of a government representative. Prior to taking this test, candidates must sign a statement signifying willingness to accept a commission as reserve officer. They will not be permitted to take this test for commission unless they are at the time at least 21 years of age and have the necessary moral, physical and professional qualifications for a commission. On successfully passing the R. M. A. test, they may be commissioned in the reserve.

Women of Kauai "Do Their Bit"

(Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence)

LIHUE, Kauai, April 17.—In the matter of preparedness the Kauai ladies are doing their "bit" to help the government in case of need.

Under the direction of Maj. Frank L. Putnam, Medical Corps, U. S. A., a class of 25 ladies are taking the Red Cross work in first aid to the injured.

The course is a stiff one and the work is going forward with all the seriousness and thoroughness of war preparation. When the course is completed an examination will be given under the recommendations of the Red Cross and certificates will be awarded to those who are proficient.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

—DEPUTY SHERIFF ASCH: With an inquest every day this week, I am naturally rather busy.

—JOSEPH LEAL, probation officer: I was surprised to hear that Brooks had killed a man. He has always had a good reputation here.

—DEPUTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY SHELTON: We have a case to deal with of a Chinese father beating his little boy. This seldom occurs.

—UNITED STATES ATTORNEY S. C. HUBER: The five Germans we have arrested did nothing wrong nor do I believe they were likely to. They were going on in their ship in a natural manner as if nothing had happened but it was our duty to forbid that.

tions for a commission. On successfully passing the R. M. A. test, they may be commissioned in the reserve.

4. After being commissioned, if the reserve officer desires active duty he will, at the option of the government, be placed with a regular squadron for advanced training; otherwise, he will revert to civil life as a member of the Signal Officers' Reserve Corps, subject to active duty 15 days each year and for longer period by his consent should the government so desire and funds are available. His pay and allowances while on active duty are the same as for similar grade in the regular army (base pay). While not on active duty he receives no compensation.

5. Approximate cost of equipment: JN-4 or similar training machines, each \$8,000
Spare, OX-3, motors 2,750
Maintenance, 6 months, each machine 3,000
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NO GERMAN MAIL CAN LEAVE HERE

No mail for Germany will be accepted by the Honolulu postoffice or any other office in the territory, and money-order business with the German empire is suspended, says an order printed in the daily Postal Bulletin and received in today's mail by the Honolulu postoffice, Railway Mail Service division.

The mail-barring order is dated April 7 and is signed by A. S. Burleson, postmaster-general. It says in brief that "during the continuance of hostilities between the United States and Germany, no letters, packages or other mail matter originating within the United States or its possessions and destined for Germany, or addressed to any postoffice, port, or other place within the jurisdiction of Germany, or to any person residing within the jurisdiction of Germany, shall be despatched from the United States to their said destinations."

The order directs all mail for Germany henceforth to be forwarded to the dead-letter office for return to the senders or other appropriate disposal. The order is made to include "all mail matter destined for Germany now remaining in the United States and its possessions, and that which may be mailed or received hereafter."

Money Orders Suspended

Order No. 212, printed in the same edition of the postal bulletin, refers to the suspension of money-order business with Germany, and directs postmasters to "refuse to issue orders on postoffices in the German empire or any of its colonies or dependencies. They should also decline to pay orders drawn upon them by German offices on or after the 6th day of April."

Geier's Men Are Hit

The order is a blow to the sailors of the interned and refugee German ships here, particularly the men from the gunboat Geier, who will now not be able to send letters to Germany or receive mail from home until the end of the war.

Leaves No Way Out

Because no instructions were received until today, the local postoffice has been despatching mails for Germany regularly since war was declared. The last mail boat to San Francisco, the Dutch liner Rembrandt, took a despatch. It will probably be returned to the senders from San Francisco. None is on land here now. British liners touching here, the Makura and Niagara, have refused to take mail for the Teutonic allies' countries since the European war began.

HATCH SEEKS TO HAVE TERRITORY HELP COUNTY OUT

The introduction of a resolution appropriating \$1500 to repair a bridge in Kalihi, damaged by the recent big storm, caused Hatch to protest.

"The legislature should do something to meet the storm damages," he said. "An outlet for the drainage of Kapiolani Park should be made, the Makiki ditch should be made more substantial and a drainage pipe across the Mid-Pacific Institute to carry off the rain water of the Manoa valley should be constructed and the legislature ought to pay for them."

The other members of the board thoroughly agreed with Hatch and requested him as member of the legislative committee to see the legislature on the subject. The resolution passed first reading.

Later in the evening two more resolutions appropriating \$550 and \$600, respectively, the former as an added appropriation to reconstruct the Kalia bridge since it was found that all of the lumber of the old bridge is absolutely useless and the latter to repair the Luluku bridge, another \$600 to be paid by Libby, McNeill & Libby, were introduced. Hatch pointed out that both these also should be paid for by the legislature and moved they be referred to the legislative committee which was done with the latter but as the \$550 is needed at once it passed first reading with Horner also voting against it.

PARIS WILL ACCEPT STATUE OF LINCOLN AS AMERICA'S GIFT

PARIS, France.—The statue of Lincoln which America is giving France will be erected in Paris, the city council having accepted the offer of it made by Premier Ribot. Adrien Mithouard, president of the council, in his letter to the premier on the subject says:

"The city of Paris is happy to be honored with such an offer, in which we see a new and precious pledge of traditional friendship."

"I beg your pardon. I didn't mean to step on your foot."

"That's all right. I walk on 'em myself."—Ohio Sun Dial.

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Local Branch of Navy League Visits Gardens

(Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence)

COLLEGE OF HAWAII, April 18.—In place of delivering a lecture at the College of Hawaii yesterday morning, Professor L. A. Henke took the members of the Navy League to visit several of the model gardens of Oahu. The trip was made by about 36 members, the largest attendance of any of the meetings since the lectures were organized.

The first garden visited was that of G. Fred Bush of Alea. This was pronounced by Professor Henke as the finest he has seen on the island. There are about seven acres of very good soil under cultivation. The garden is about three years old, and of the more important crops it is now carrying, such as strawberries, lettuce, cabbage, limes, lemons and pigeon peas—the latter crop being that recommended by Mr. Krauss as the best seed for poultry—all are doing satisfactorily. Mr. Bush is a member of the league.

The last garden visited was the school garden at Pearl City, which is under the direction of Mrs. Kate Haford. Although this garden is being run under adverse conditions, since the soil is heavy adobe, lighter and more porous soils have been introduced, so that an excellent opportunity was offered to show what can be done when the more scientific agricultural methods are employed.

Lady (asking for the third time)—Have we reached No. 234 yet?
Conductor—Yes, mum. Here you are. (Stops bus).

Lady—Oh, I didn't want to get out. I only wanted to show my little Fido where he was born.—Punch.

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